

### Abstract

The invention concerns a computer-managed deposit system for articles, in particular for disposable packaging articles, a return device for articles having a deposit thereon, in particular for disposable packaging articles, an originality seal for identifying articles, in particular disposable packaging articles, and a detection apparatus for use with the deposit system. To prevent fraud caused by multiple returns in accordance with the invention there is proposed a method having the following method steps: associating the article with a unique identification from a plurality of identifications managed in a database (linkage), associating the identification from the database with a deposit value, using the article in at least one intermediate step, detecting the identification of the article and identifying the article on the basis of the identification, and cancelling the linkage of the identification in the database when removing the deposit from the article. (Figure 1).